

Eddy Creek Annual Report 2011

1. Overview of proposed action and actual management (e.g., livestock numbers, on-off dates for each Unit, etc.).

The Bear Creek Fish Protection subunit (2,407 acres, or 9 percent of the allotment) will be in non-use through the term of the permit (December 31, 2017). Grazing on the three permitted subunits in the Sleeping Deer Unit will be a rest-rotation system for 30 head of horses June 1 to August 7. Each of the three subunits - Bear Creek, Lower White Valley Creek, and Upper White Valley Creek - will be rested one out of every three years

Below is the actual use for Eddy Creek for 2011.

Pasture	Number	Dates
Bear Creek	Rest	Rest
Lower White Valley	28 Horse/Mules	6/1 – 07/05
Upper White Valley	28 Horse/Mules	7/5 – 08/05

2. Results from all implementation and effectiveness monitoring identified as part of the proposed action and this Opinion (term and condition 1), including required annual use indicator monitoring (i.e., stubble height, riparian shrub utilization, streambank alteration), photo point monitoring, seral condition, bank stability, water temperature, sediment, and W:D.

Implementation

Visual estimates of Bear Creek in the Lower White Valley Pasture indicated that light use occurred in this pasture. Visual estimate of stubble height was 8 inches or greater.

Effectiveness

No effectiveness monitoring was conducted on this allotment in 2011

3. Discussion of any unauthorized use and/or any maintenance issues related to fences or water development.

Some unauthorized use from the neighboring Challis Creek allotment was noted on Bear Creek in the Lower White Valley unit on 3 occasions in August, September and early October. The permittee from Challis Creek allotment removed cattle when they were reported to him.

- 4. Brief review of Allotment compliance with established annual use indicators and the terms and conditions from this Opinion including a discussion on specific successes and failures.**

None

- 5. Any relevant information that becomes available regarding Snake River Basin steelhead or spring/summer Chinook salmon habitat trends and/or spawning and rearing locations that would modify the assumptions made in this Opinion or result in effects not considered.**

No additional information became available

- 6. Any management recommendations for subsequent years.**

None

PHOTOS



Photo 1: Bear Creek Looking Downstream



Photo 2: Bear Creek Looking Upstream

